



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: ) Art Unit: 2828  
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Serial No. 09/521,639 )  
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For: FIBER OPTIC LASER TRANSMITTER )  
WITH REDUCED NEAR END REFLECTIONS ) December 19, 2002

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The enclosed Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated December 3, 2002 for the above identified patent application. The response due date is being filed within TWO MONTHS of the office action date (i.e., prior to Feb. 3, 2003).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Marked up versions of all revised claims, showing insertions and deletions, are included in Appendix A.

Cancel claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, 13, 17-20, 22 and 26 without prejudice.

Rewrite the pending claims as follows:

1. (Amended) Laser apparatus for generating laser light to be transmitted through an optical transmission system,

a laser that emits light that is substantially linearly polarized; and

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